

teaches away from this concept in that each fabric disclosed in Foy employs a balanced structure in which the denier of the warp yarn is equal to the denier of the fill yarn. For this reason, claim 1 is allowable.

Because claims 2-5 depend from and further limit claim 1, such claims are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 6 recites a protective fabric substrate comprising: a plurality of warp yarns densely interwoven with a plurality of fill yarns; wherein a warp crimp is greater than a fill crimp; and wherein a denier of the fill yarn is greater than a denier of the warp yarn.

For the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1, claim 6 also is allowable over Foy.

Because claims 7 and 8 depend from and further limit claim 6, such claims are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 9 recites a protective fabric substrate comprising: a substrate including a plurality of warp yarns densely interwoven with a plurality of fill yarns; and a layer of epoxy resin applied to the substrate.

Foy neither discloses nor suggests a substrate of densely interwoven yarns which includes a layer of epoxy resin applied to the substrate. For this reason, claim 9 also is allowable.

Based on the foregoing, the present application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is

invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below to further the prosecution of this application in any respect.

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